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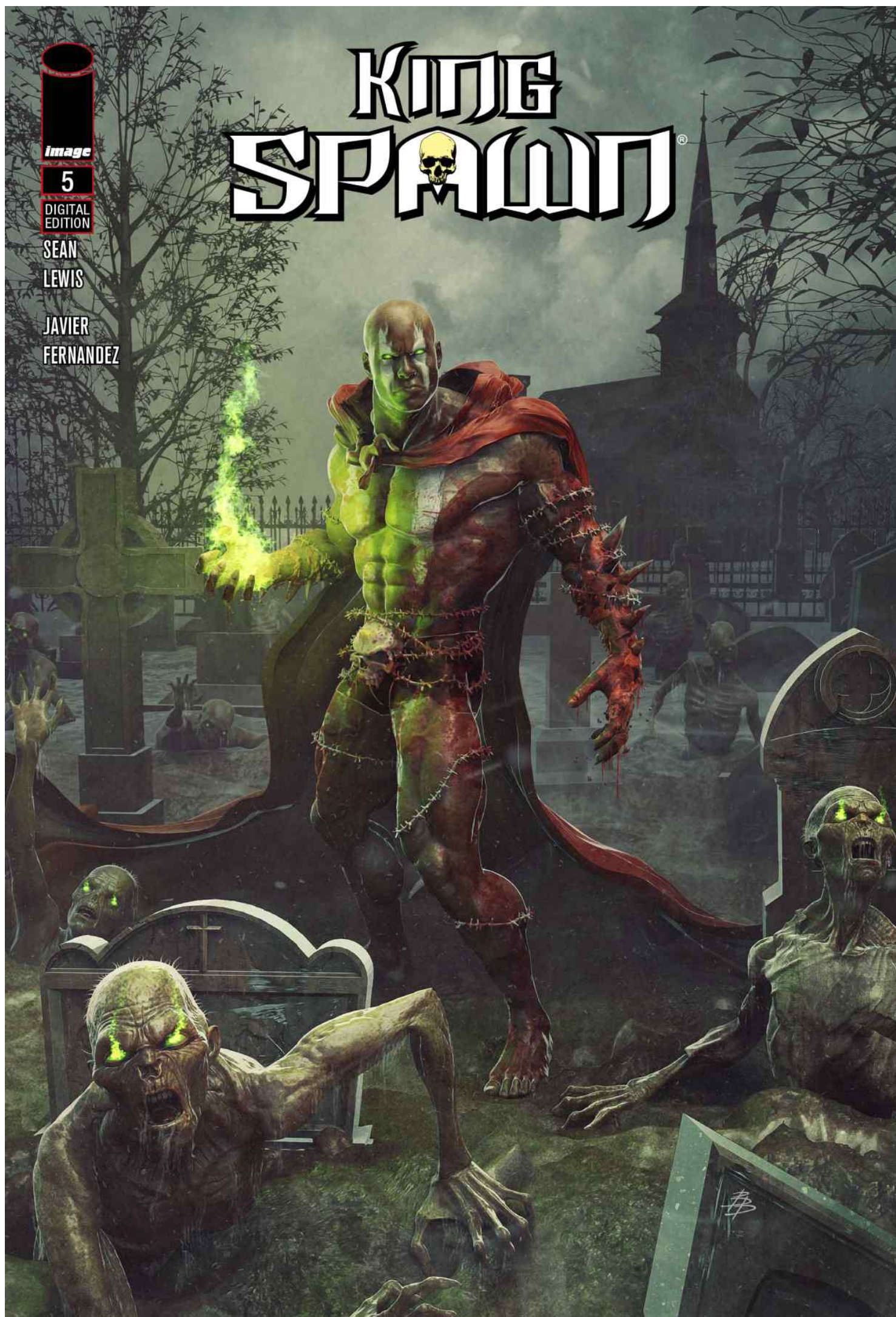
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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

The battle with a resurrected Kincaid comes to a brutal and gruesome end. But... Spawn is visited by the Oracle and told that his fight is far from over. If he can't stem the tide of EVIL flooding the world, someone might just erase it all and start over!

BOTSWANA.
MANY YEARS AGO.

THIS IS AL
SIMMONS.
BEFORE HE
BECAME
SPAWN.

HAVE YOU
FOUND THE
TARGET?

IN
PURSUIT.

HIS MISSION WAS
TO FIND THE HEAD
OF AN ARMY USING
CHILDREN AS
SOLDIERS. THEN
EXECUTE HIM.



A PRETTY CUT
AND DRY MISSION.

A full-page illustration of a soldier, Al Simmons, in a dark, rainy forest at night. He is wearing camouflage gear, a tactical vest, and a helmet with a night vision device. He is holding an assault rifle and looking down with a somber expression. The background is a dark, misty forest with a large tree trunk on the left. The overall tone is gritty and somber.

HE KNOWS THAT'S HOW
CIVILIANS LIKE TO LOOK AT
THE WORLD. THAT THINGS
LIKE WAR ARE SIMPLY
GOOD VERSUS EVIL.

BUT AL SIMMONS IS A
SOLDIER, HE'S BEEN IN
THE MIDDLE OF DOZENS
OF MESSY ASSIGNMENTS.

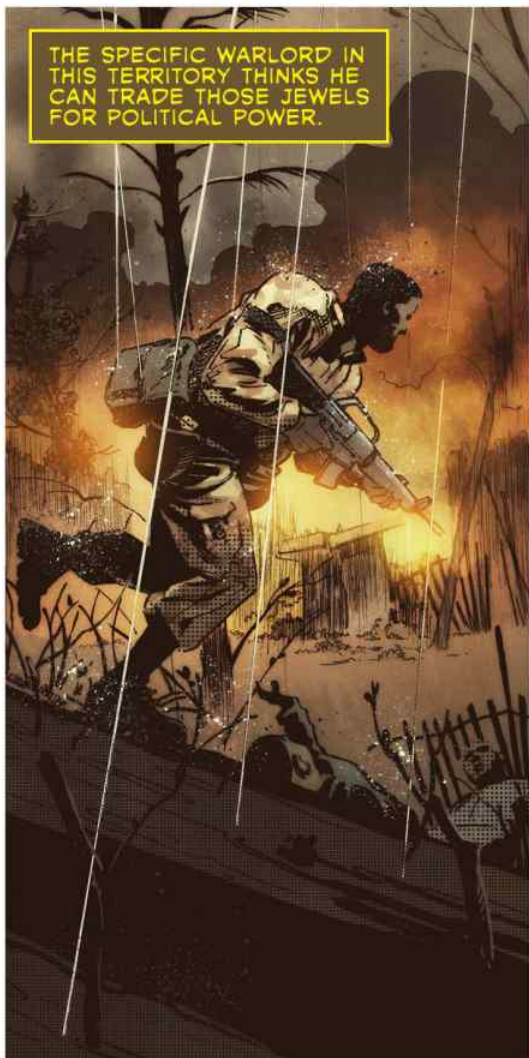
TO HIM NOTHING IS CUT
AND DRY. IT'S ALWAYS
COMPLICATED. ALWAYS
ENDING WITH MORE DEAD
BODIES THAN PLANNED.

AND THOSE MISSIONS
NOW SEEM TO BE BASED
ON REASONS THAT HAVE
BECOME MORE AND
MORE IRRATIONAL.

BUT AS LONG AS CERTAIN
GOVERNMENT BODIES
CAN KEEP GAS PRICES
CHEAP, OR LAND TITLES
IN THE PROPER HANDS.

OR, HERE IN BOTSWANA--
THAT DIAMONDS REMAIN
READILY AVAILABLE.

THE SPECIFIC WARLORD IN THIS TERRITORY THINKS HE CAN TRADE THOSE JEWELS FOR POLITICAL POWER.



WHY AM I SAVING AN IDIOT?

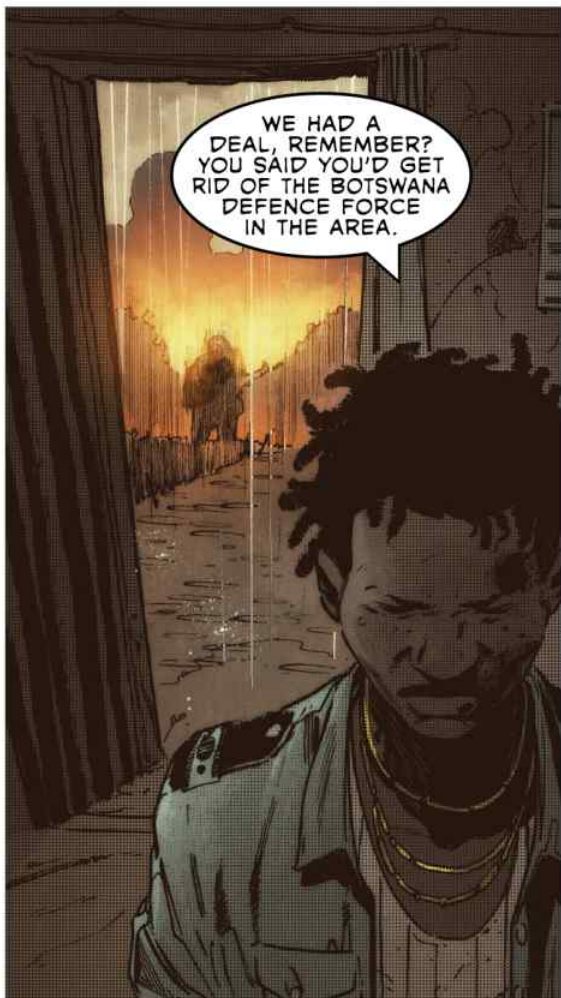


AT HIS DESTINATION SIMMONS FINDS AN OPEN DOOR AND NO GUARDS.

HE UNDERSTANDS IT'S A TRAP. BUT HE'S BEEN THROUGH THIS KIND OF SHIT BEFORE.



WE HAD A DEAL, REMEMBER? YOU SAID YOU'D GET RID OF THE BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE IN THE AREA.



WHERE ARE YOU, NOW?





TURN
AROUND--AND
GET YOUR HANDS UP!
WHO WERE YOU
MESSAGING?

I
DON'T...
DON'T
F*CK WITH
ME!

WYNN.
THE GUY'S
NAME IS
WYNN.

GENERAL WYNN
IS SIMMONS'
COMMANDING
OFFICER.



HIM AND
HIS PEOPLE ARE
FUNDING A BUNCH
OF THIS.



AL NOTICED THE
BIBLE VERSE
WRITTEN ON THE
KID'S MUTILATED
ARM. PSALMS
137. IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME HE
EVER SAW IT.



HE'S BEEN SENT ON TOO MANY MISSIONS, IN TOO SHORT A TIME, AND WITH EACH ASSIGNMENT SIMMONS' MENTAL HEALTH IS STRESSED FURTHER.

THEY USE EVERYONE THIS WAY.

SO A MAN LIKE AL, CAN ONLY TAKE BEING BLINDLY LOYAL FOR SO LONG.

GODDAMN HELL HOLE.

WANDA. I'LL BE HOME SOON, BABY. BUT FIRST, I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE.

UNFORTUNATELY, HIS BOSSES HAVE BEEN WATCHING HIM FOR QUITE SOME TIME.



THIS MOMENT--
THIS IS THE EXACT
SECOND AL SIMMONS
BECAME SPAWN.

THOUGH HE HAS NO
MEMORY OF WHO
SHOT HIM. OR WHY.



PRIEST,
YOU
THERE?



I'M HERE.
THE TARGET
HAS BEEN
ELIMINATED.

AND THE
EVIDENCE?



CURRENTLY
BEING
DISPOSED
OF.



"FIRE. MY MIND KEEPS FLASHING BACK TO THAT FIRE. WHY? MY SOUL HAD ALREADY MADE ITS FACT TO GET BACK TO WANDA. I DIDN'T NEED THAT BODY ANYMORE."

"AND NOW, THE SIGIL HAS BEEN WHISPERING WANDA'S NAME."

"BUT IT'S BEING MIXED TOGETHER WITH OTHER NAMES. JESSICA. DISRUPTOR. GOD. ALL THEIR NAMES ARE CLAWING THE INSIDE OF MY HEAD. WHY? WHAT DOES THE SIGIL NEED FROM ME?"

"THE WORDS AND IMAGES ARE DETACHED FROM EACH OTHER."

"IT WANTS ME AND TERRY IN NY AND BOTSWANA...AT THE SAME TIME!"

"IT'S SCREAMING THAT IT WANTS ME IN MY PAST--AND THE PRESENT."

"THIS PSALMS 137, IT'S ALL--IT'S TRYING TO BURY MY MIND DIGGING UP GHOSTS THAT NEED TO STAY DEAD!"

"IT'S OBSESSED, TRYING TO UNLOCK THE DAYS WHEN I FIRST BECAME SPAWN! WHY, GOD DAMN IT."



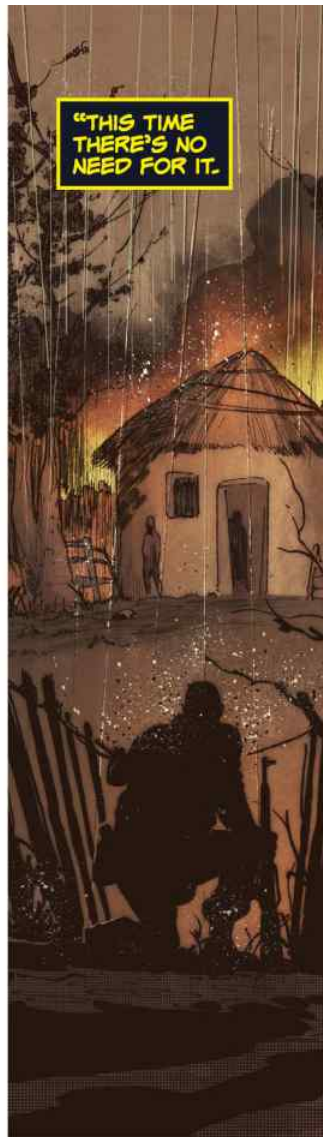
"SAME TERRAIN AS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO. SAME HOUSE, FIVE CLICKS SOUTH OF OUR TENT."



"LAST TIME, I DIDN'T WANT TO BE NOTICED."



"THIS TIME THERE'S NO NEED FOR IT."



"I WAS THE TARGET THEN. AND I'M STILL THE TARGET NOW."



ONLY DIFFERENCE, IS THIS TIME I KNOW IT.



THE KING RETURNED



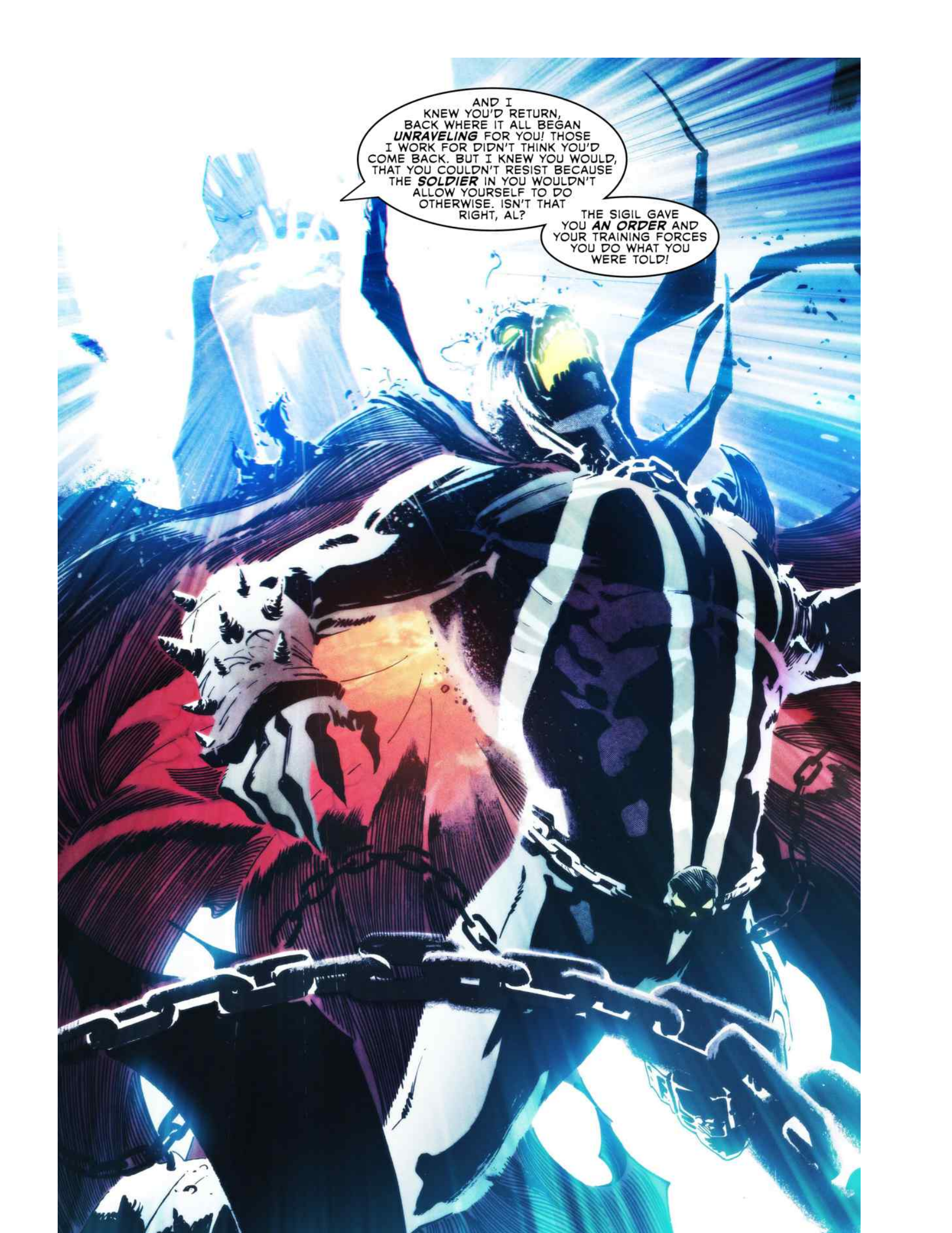
TERRY, THE STRUCTURE IS EMPTY, WHAT'S THE PERIMETER LOOK LIKE?



TERRY? DO YOU READ?

HE CAN'T HELP YOU, SIMMONS.



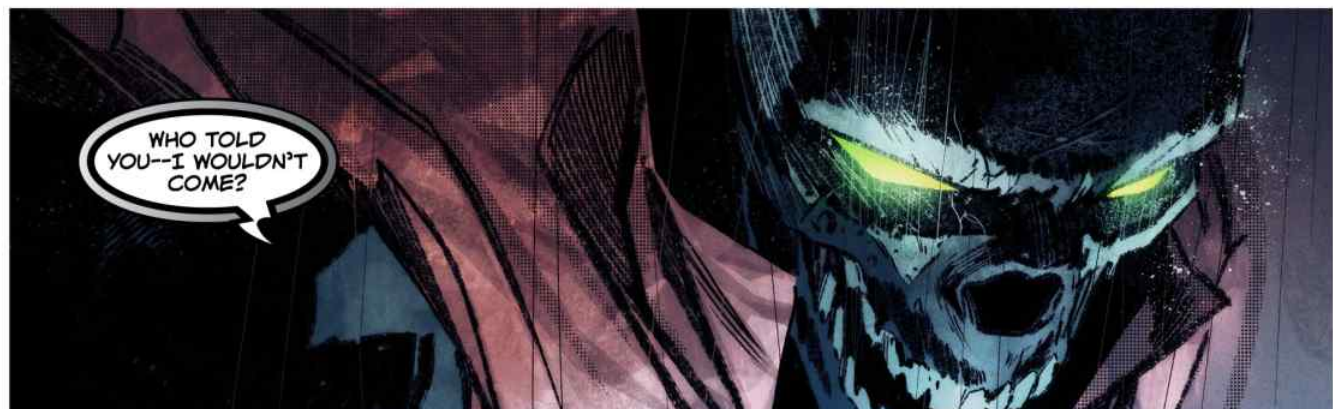


AND I
KNEW YOU'D RETURN,
BACK WHERE IT ALL BEGAN
UNRAVELING FOR YOU! THOSE
I WORK FOR DIDN'T THINK YOU'D
COME BACK. BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD,
THAT YOU COULDN'T RESIST BECAUSE
THE **SOLDIER** IN YOU WOULDN'T
ALLOW YOURSELF TO DO
OTHERWISE. ISN'T THAT
RIGHT, AL?

THE SIGIL GAVE
YOU **AN ORDER** AND
YOUR TRAINING FORCES
YOU DO WHAT YOU
WERE TOLD!

EVEN IF
THOSE ORDERS
WERE CLOSER TO A
DEATH THREAT.

ZAKAP



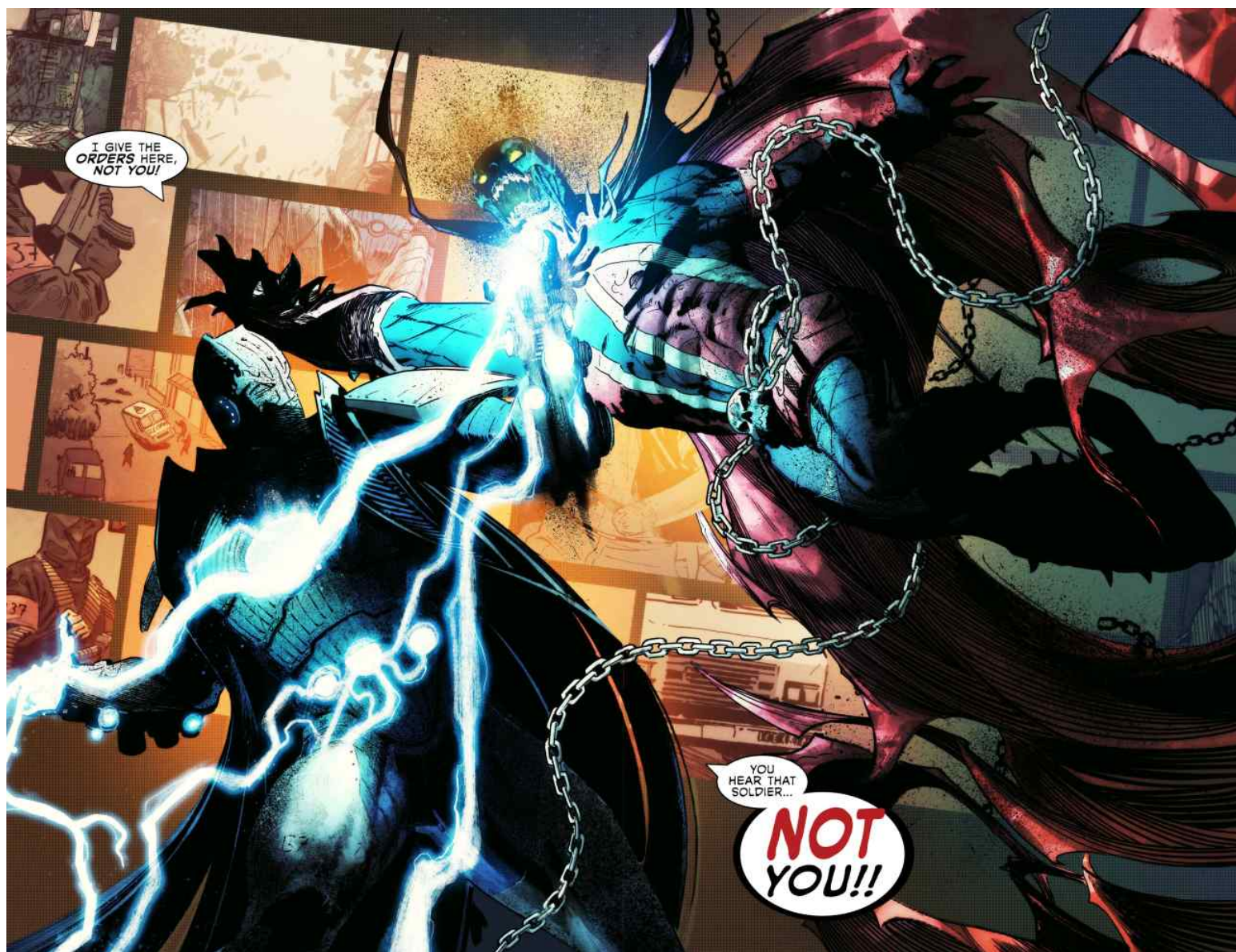
COME
NOW, YOU'RE
NOT *THAT* STUPID! THE
SIGIL, IT'S THE SIGIL
CONTROLLING
ALL *THIS*!

BUT I SEE,
YOU'RE WONDERING
WHO CONTROLS
THE SIGIL?

IF YOU WANT
THAT ANSWER, THEN *OPEN*
THE 'DEAD ZONES' AND WATCH
WHO WALKS THROUGH IT! THEN YOU'LL
KNOW WHO THINKS THEY'RE WORTHY OF
SITTING UPON HELL'S EMPTY THRONE.
OR... PERHAPS YOU MAY WANT THAT
SEAT FOR YOURSELF? IS THAT
IT, IS THAT WHAT YOU
DESIRE?







DESPITE THIS
SONOFABITCH
CALLING YOUR NAME
LIKE HE KNOWS YOU.

CRASHH

GET UP,
YOU COWARD.
I TAUGHT YOU
BETTER THAN
THAT.

"SOMETHING DOESN'T
FIT, WHAT'S HE MEAN,
"HE TAUGHT ME?"

"COGLIOSTOR'S
THE ONLY ONE
THAT EVER TRIED
HONING MY SPAWN
POWERS."



YOU NEVER
TAUGHT ME, ANYTHING!
IF YOU DID, YOU'D HAVE BEEN
SMART ENOUGH TO HAVE
STAYED AWAY.



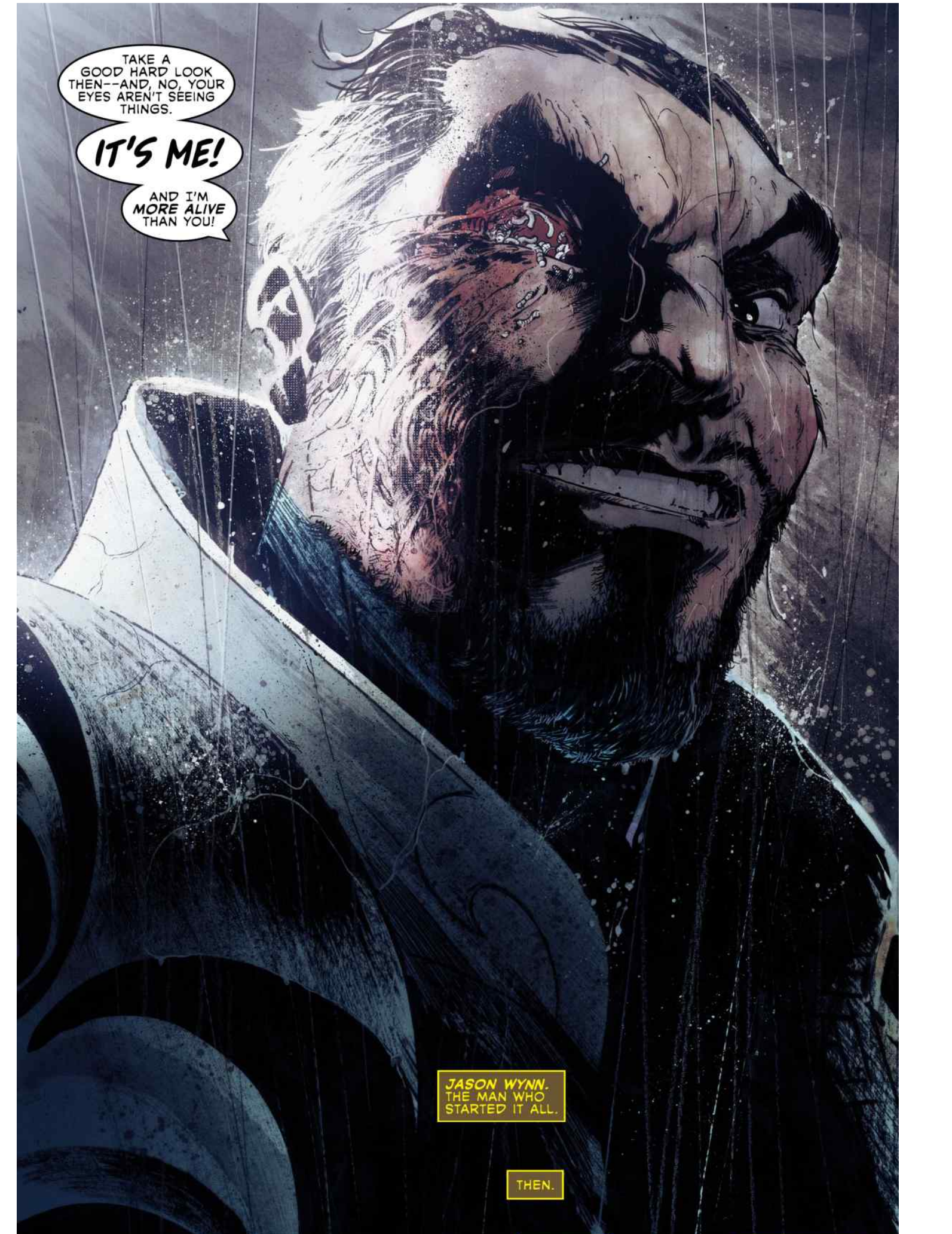
BECAUSE
ANYONE WILLING TO
KILL CHILDREN JUST
TO GET MY ATTENTION,
KNOWS I WON'T REST
UNTIL YOU'RE ALL
DEAD!



BUT NOT
UNTIL I KNOW WHO
YOU ARE!



WAK!



TAKE A
GOOD HARD LOOK
THEN--AND, NO, YOUR
EYES AREN'T SEEING
THINGS.

IT'S ME!

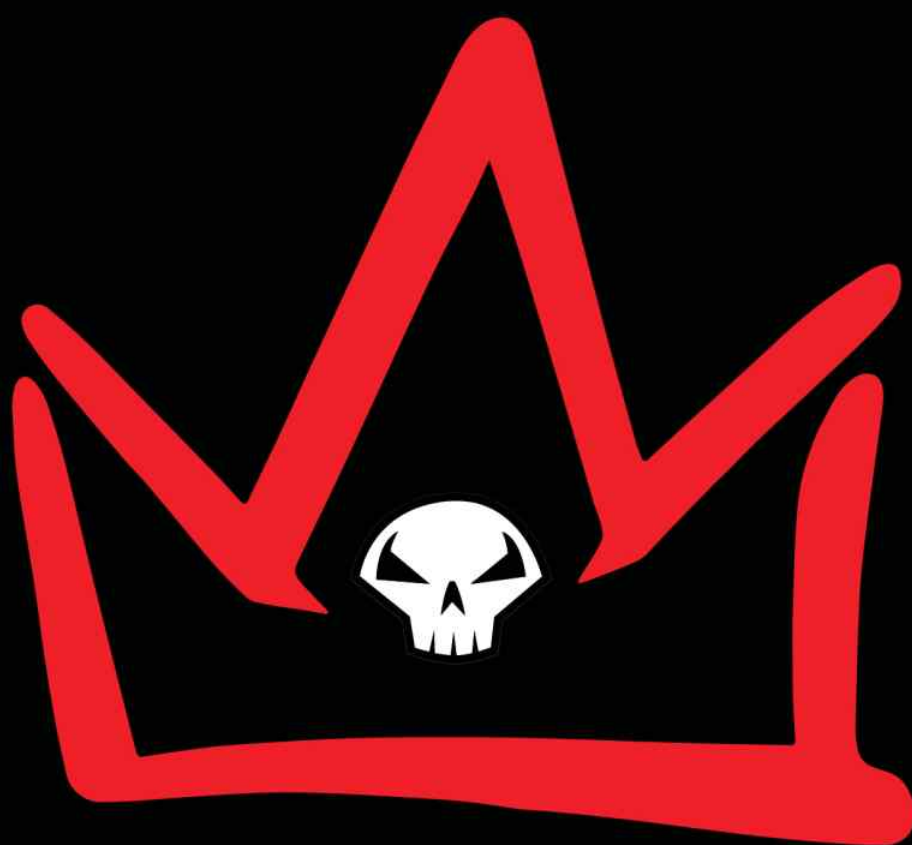
AND I'M
MORE ALIVE
THAN YOU!

JASON WYNN.
THE MAN WHO
STARTED IT ALL.

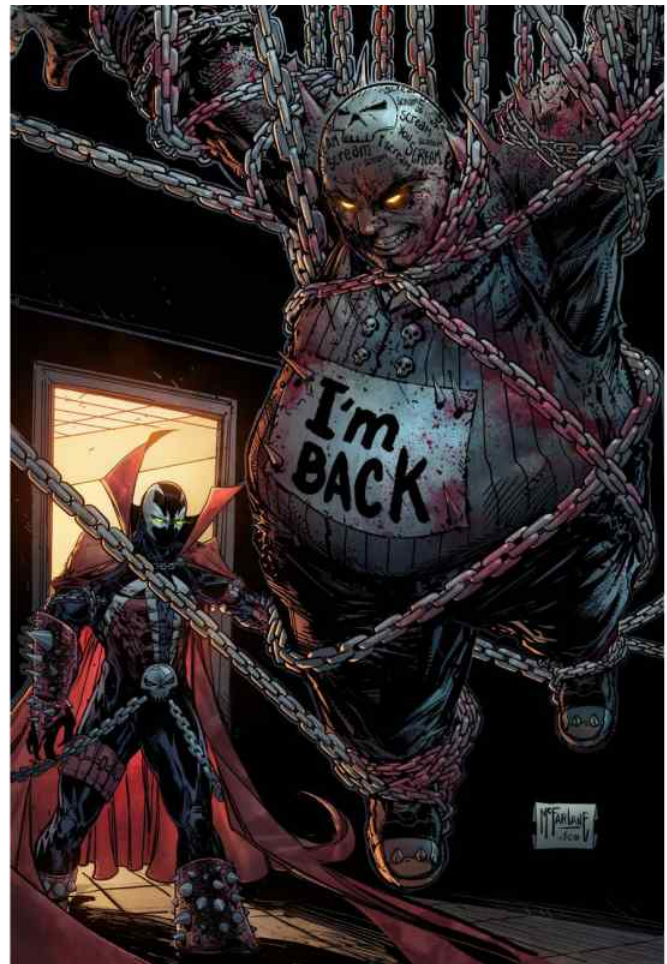
THEN.

AND NOW.

MAY GOD HELP
EVERYONE'S
SOUL.



Billy proved to be a poor soldier and was soon forgotten in the pits of HELL. Left to languish and suffer for all



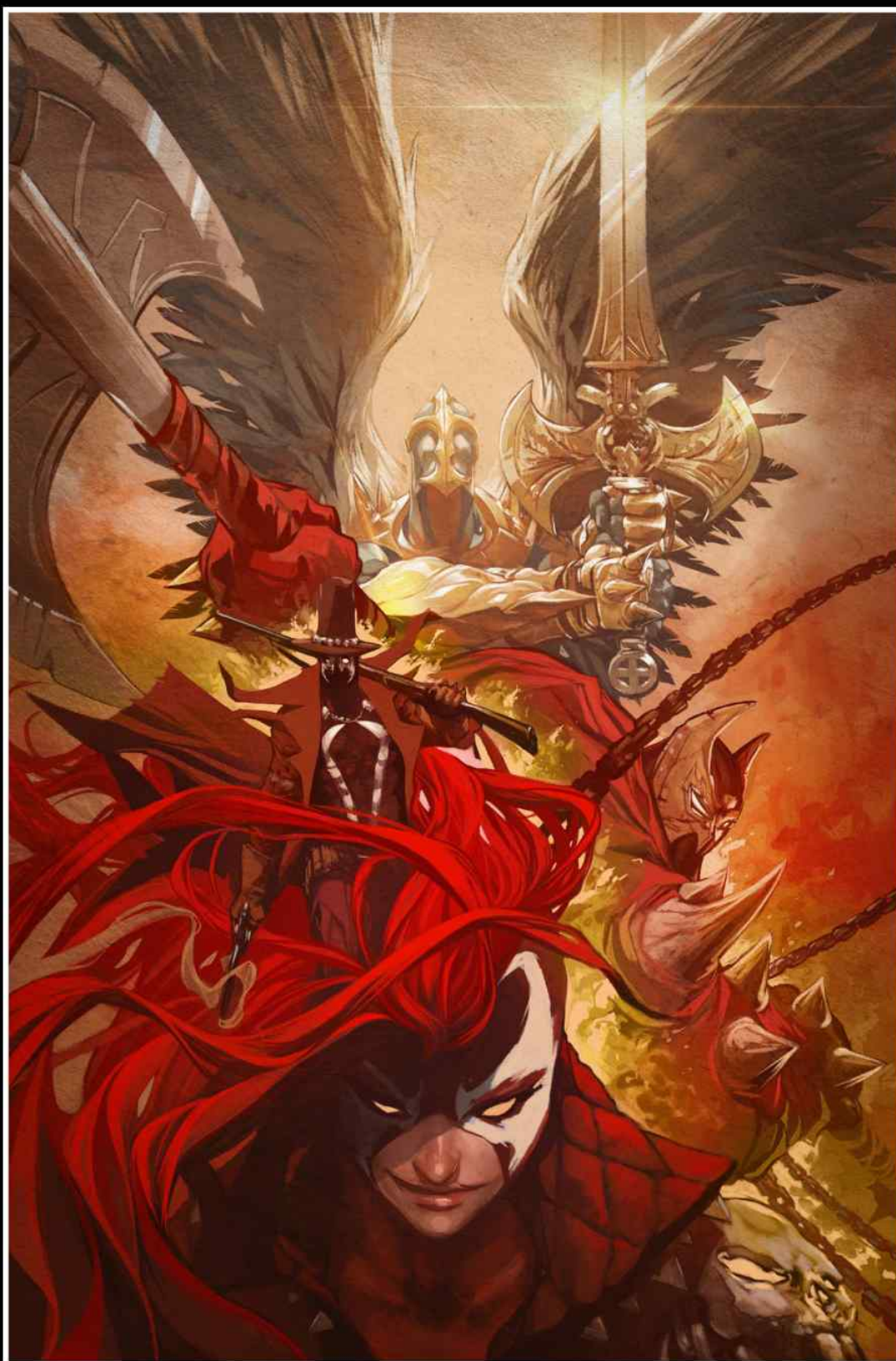
Someone however had other plans for Kincaid. In a dark corner of HELL, a bargain with a mysterious benefactor was struck. New powers were gained and the monster was set free.



KINCAID was reborn with a new purpose! To help usher in the reign of **KING SPAWN**. Hail to the KING!

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